

REMARKS

Applicants' gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter and by this amendment have placed the indicated allowable claims in independent form including the features of the claim from which they respectively depend.

The remaining rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice, disclaimed to the matter recited therein and without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection.

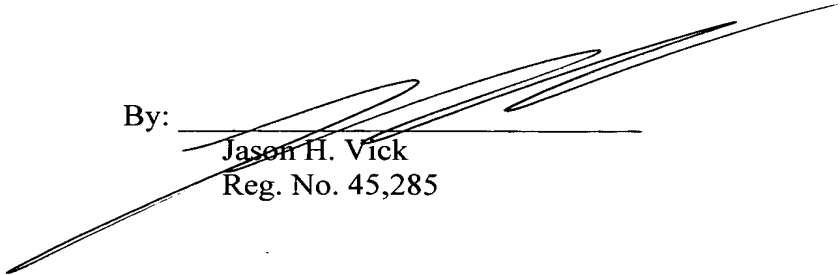
With all rejections having been rendered moot by the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit the application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 (T3653-8766US01) any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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